made by the Fourth Pay Commission in respect of pensioners have been examined; and

(b) if so, what are the details of decisions taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission in respect of pensioners are under consideration of the Government and decisions on them are likely to be announced shortly. In the meantime Government has decided to raise the minimum pension and minimum family pension to Rs. 375/- as against Rs. 300/- recommended by the Pay Commission.

Raids conducted by Income Tax authorities in cities

1033. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of raids conducted by the Income Tax authorities during the last six months in the metropolitan cities; and

(b) the details of seizures of unaccounted money and narcotics made during these raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Income Tax Department conducted 1814 searches in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras during the period 1-8-86 to 31-1-87 wherein *prima-facie* unaccounted assets such as cash, jewellery and others worth approximately Rs. 3293.43 lacs were seized; besides a large amount of incriminating documents. The Income Tax Department did not make any seizure of narcotics during the course of these searches.

	Seizure (Rs. lacs)	No. of Searches
(1) Bombay	2328.12	1975
(2) Delhi	121.46	256
(3) Madras	145.83	105
(4) Calcutta	698.02	378
Total	3293.43	1814

Rise in Consumer Price Index

1034. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the consumer price index towards the end of the years 1984, 1985 and 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that there was a rising trend in the index during these years; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the same and how it is proposed to keep price rise under check?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The All India Consumer Price Index for industrial Workers (CPI) (1960—100) was 588, 630 and 688 towards the end of 1984, 1985 and 1986 respectively.

(c) Movements in the CPI are caused by a variety of factors affecting demand and supply position of various consumption items. The domestic availability of many items of daily consumption was adversely affected by poor weather for three years in succession. Government, however, closely monitors the behaviour of prices and has taken various steps from time to time, both on the demand and supply side, to contain the rise in prices. The measures taken include strengthening of the public distribution system for essential commodities, supply of foodgrains at subsidised rates to weaker sections under special schemes, enforcement of fiscal discipline and control over aggregate liquidity in the system.